(c) No estimates in this regard have been made.

Setting up of Settlement Commissioner's Offices

1950. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:
SHRI T. CHANDRASEKHAR REDDY:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up Settlement Commissioner's Offices in different parts of the country to settle income-tax and wealth-tax cases;

(b) if so, what are the names of the places where these offices are proposed to be set up;

(c) whether Settlement Commissioner's offices are proposed to be manned by officers drawn from the Central Board of Direct Taxes; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) what is the age of retirement of members of Central Board of Direct Taxes and what is the proposed age of retirement of officers of Settlement Commissioner's offices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) A proposal to set up a few more offices of Settlement Commissioner's in some parts of the country to settle income-tax and wealth-tax cases is under consideration of the Government.

(b) and (c) Since the matter is still under consideration, the required information is not available.

(d) The age of retirement of the members of the Central Board of Direct Taxes is 58 years. Proposed age of retirement of officers of Settlement Commissioner's is still under consideration.

Loan assistance to sugar factories in Maharashtra

1951. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many sugar factories in Maharashtra have asked for loan assistance from public financial institutions;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Chief Minister of Maharashtra has written a letter to him to look into the matter; and

(c) if so, what steps the Central Government propose to take thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) IDBI has reported that three sugar factories in co-operative sector in Maharashtra have asked for loan assistance from public financial institutions.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Matter had been taken up with the financial institutions. It has been reported by them, that in view of heavy overdues on the part of existing sugar mills of Maharashtra, the institutions have taken a view that further disbursements to new units would be made after the defaults of existing units are cleared or a satisfactory formula for liquidation of principal dues is received from Government of Maharashtra.

Long-term loans for Cooperative spinning mills in Maharashtra

1952. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) how many applications from cooperative spinning mills in Maharashtra are at present pending with the public financial institutions for long-term loans; and